

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Appl. No. TBD (Divisional of Application
No. 08/857,496)

Filed: *Herewith*

For: **Automated Liquid Manufacturing
System**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Amendment in advance of prosecution. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the Specification:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph of page 1:

This patent application is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial number 09/790,623 (filed February 23, 2001), which is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial number 09/411,226 (filed October 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,227,695), which is in turn a

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In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1 - 65 and 82 - 83 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

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Remarks

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 66 - 81 are pending in the application, with claim 66 being the independent claim. Claims 1 - 65 and 82 - 83 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. In addition, a paragraph is sought to be added to page 1 of the specification. This paragraph identifies related applications for purposes of claiming the benefit of the filing date of U.S. patent application serial number 08/857,496, filed on May 16, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,004,025), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).

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Claims 1 - 65 and 82 - 83 are sought to be canceled.

A paragraph has been added as the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification,
identifying related patent applications.

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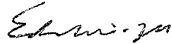
Conclusion

These changes introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the amendment be entered prior to examination. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for examination on the merits.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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